

## House Resolution 20 - Introduced

### HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 20

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1 A Resolution to recognize the centennial anniversary of  
2 IBM.

3 WHEREAS, on June 16, 2011, IBM will celebrate its  
4 100-year anniversary; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1911, the Computing Tabulating Recording  
6 Corporation was formed, the legendary Thomas J.  
7 Watson, Sr. became its general manager and president  
8 in the following years, and in 1924, the company was  
9 reorganized and renamed the International Business  
10 Machines Corporation, later abbreviated as IBM; and

11 WHEREAS, in its first century, IBM has created  
12 technological discoveries that have transformed  
13 our lives, from the first electronic calculator and  
14 programmable computers, to the chip powering the  
15 leading gaming consoles, to the chess master Deep Blue,  
16 to the Jeopardy! champion Watson; and

17 WHEREAS, through innovation and technological  
18 discovery, IBM ushered in the information age and has  
19 improved our world by creating cleaner air and water,  
20 better crime-fighting systems for cities, and lower  
21 incidence of AIDS, influenza, and other infectious  
22 diseases; and

23 WHEREAS, today IBM is continuing to shape the  
24 world, investing \$6 billion annually in research and  
25 development, employing globally more than 400,000  
26 employees, and developing the practices and discoveries  
27 that are creating a "Smarter Planet"; and

28 WHEREAS, IBM is also assisting growing cities

1 around the world including Dubuque, Iowa, to establish  
2 solutions to build "Smarter Cities" by reducing  
3 traffic congestion and resulting air pollution;  
4 digitizing health records to improve patient care;  
5 improving access to and quality of education; enhancing  
6 surveillance systems to reduce crime rates; sourcing  
7 and managing power more intelligently; and improving  
8 quality, supply, and access to water; NOW THEREFORE,  
9 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
10 That the House of Representatives congratulates the  
11 men and women of IBM for 100 years of dedication and  
12 innovation, for their pivotal role in the unparalleled  
13 progress in the Twentieth Century, and for the  
14 promise of a bright future they offer all of us in the  
15 Twenty-first Century.